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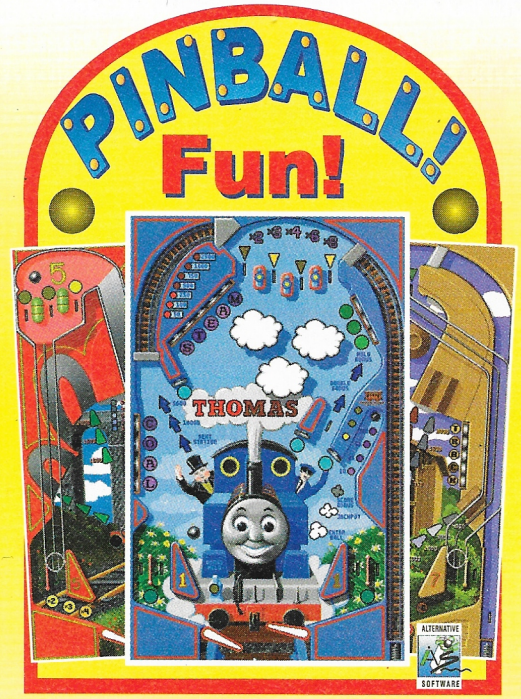

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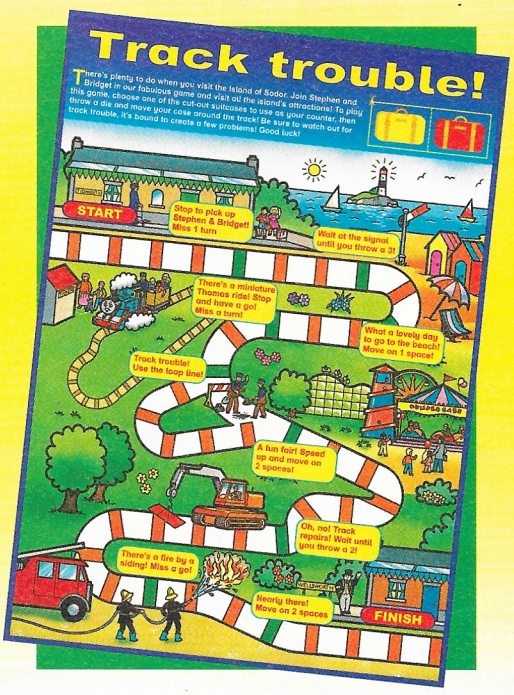

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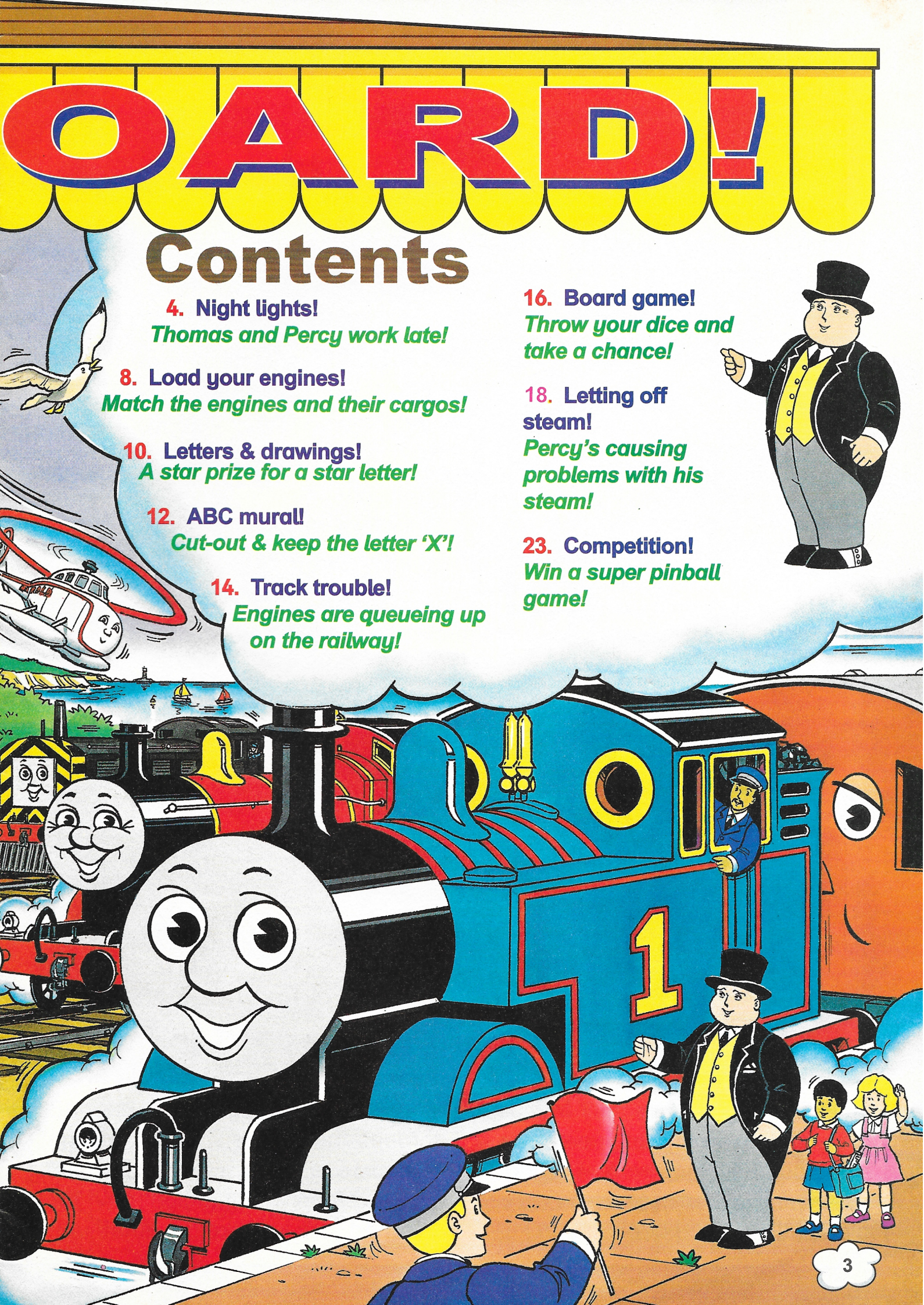
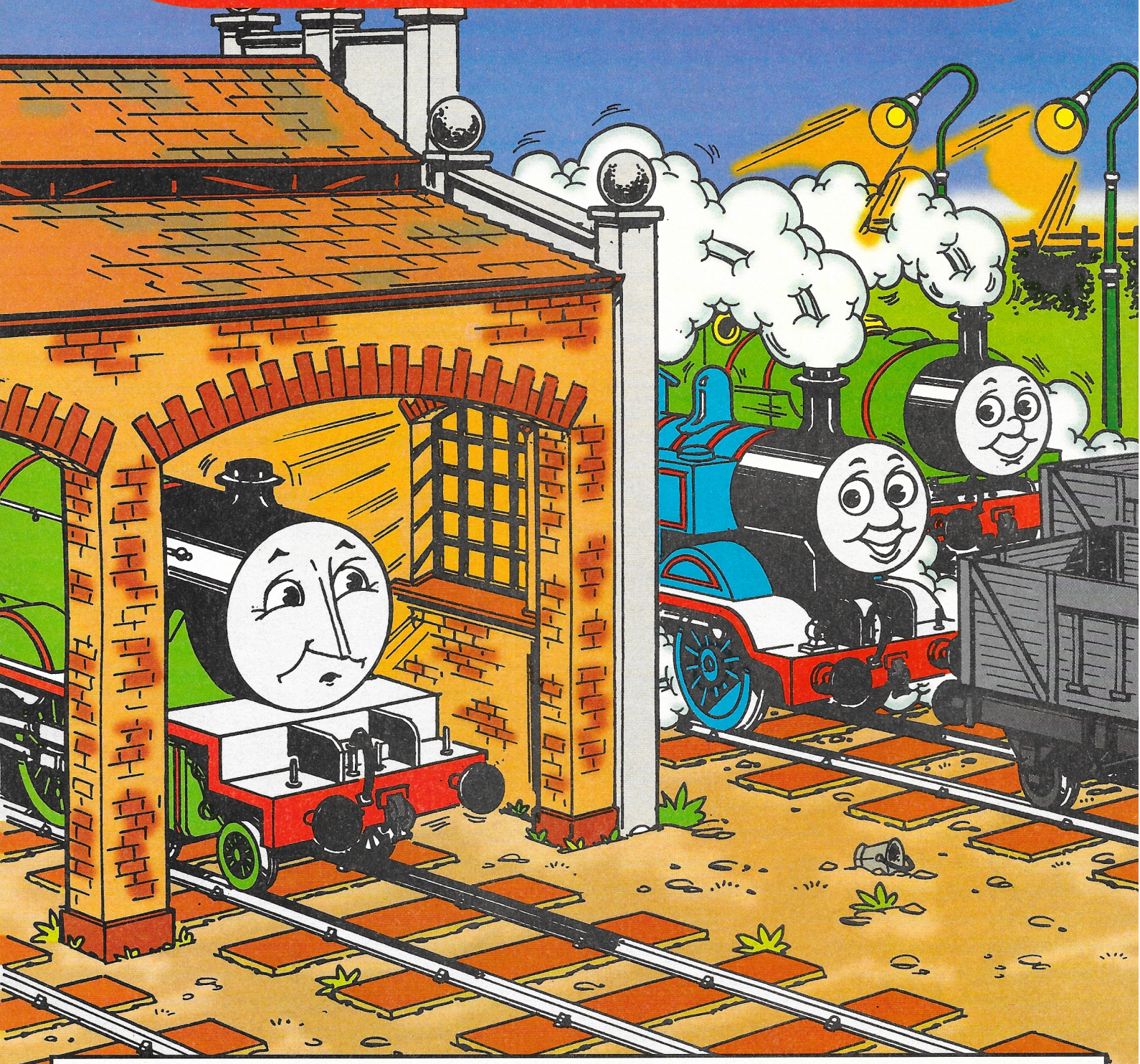


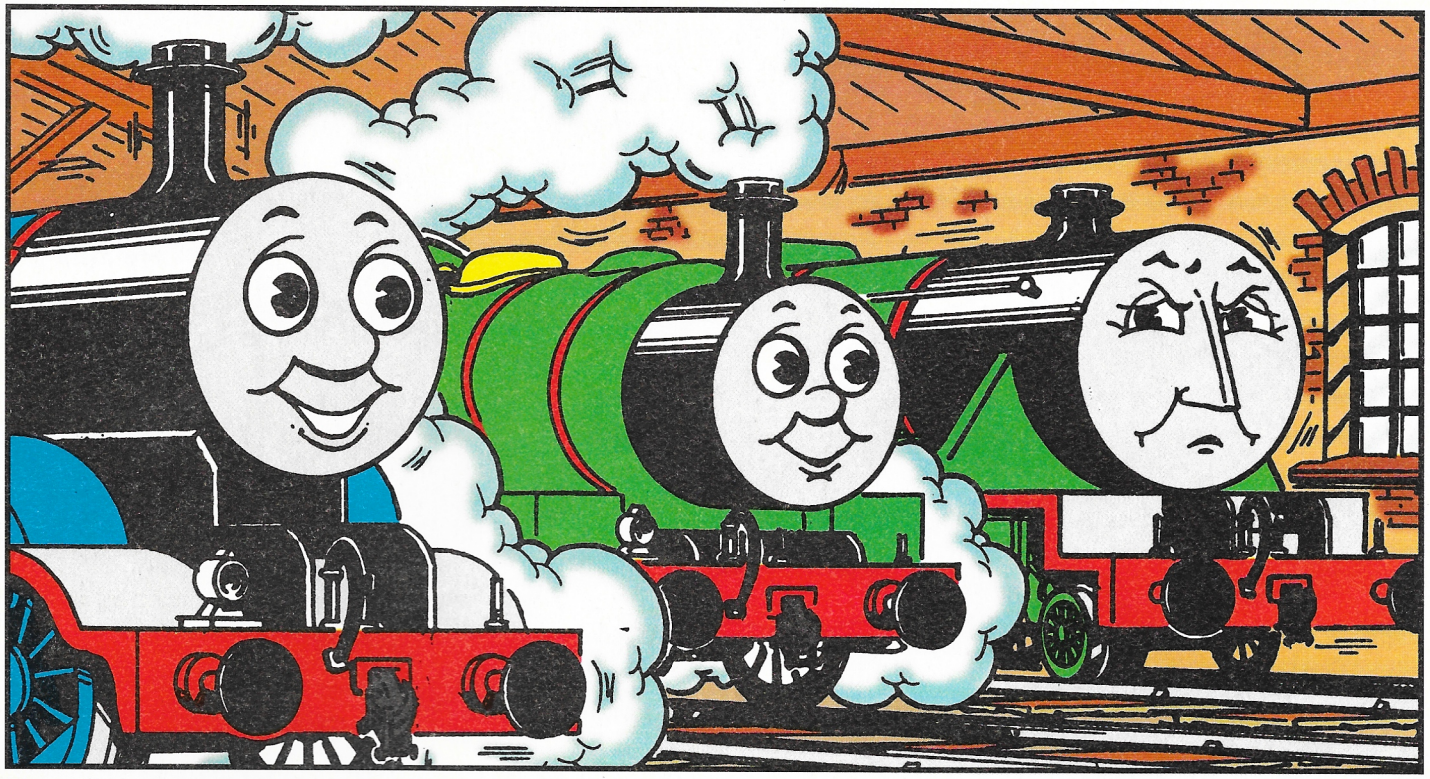
A LISTEN AND LEARN STORY

Night lights!



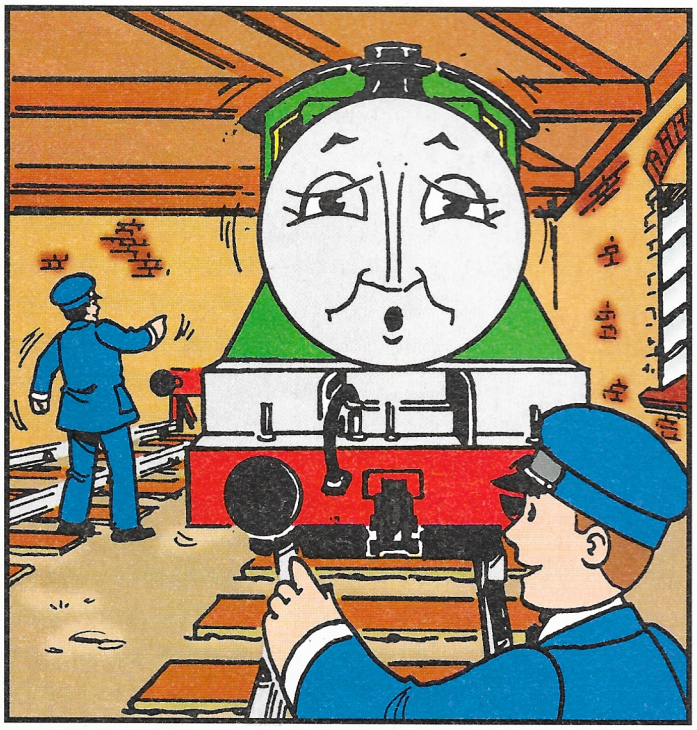
1. One night, while their friends were shut up in the engine shed, Thomas and Percy were working late. To help them see in the dark, big spotlights had been set up.

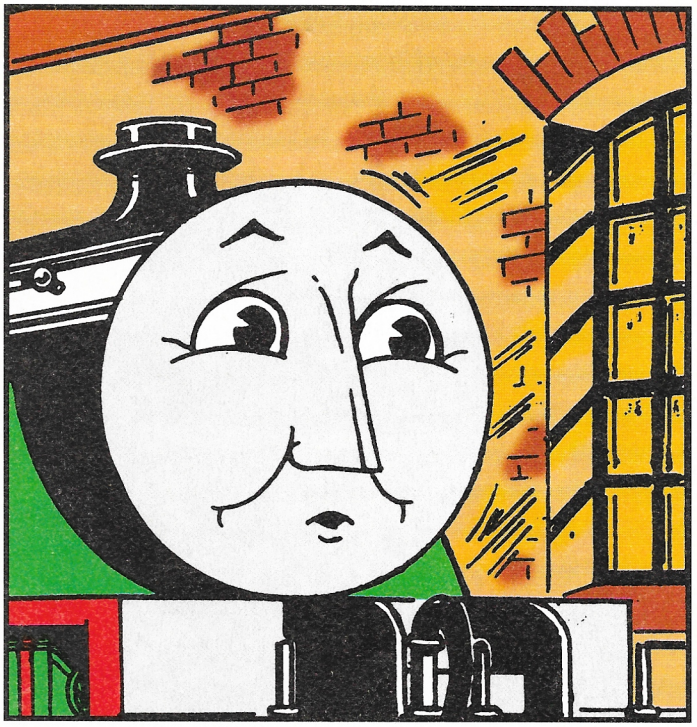
2. One of the night lights shone through the engine shed window, right across Henry's face. "How can I get to sleep with that light on?" he moaned. "It's just like daytime!"



3. It was very late when Thomas and Percy finally finished their work. They rolled into the shed to join the others. "I haven't slept a wink yet!" Henry told them.

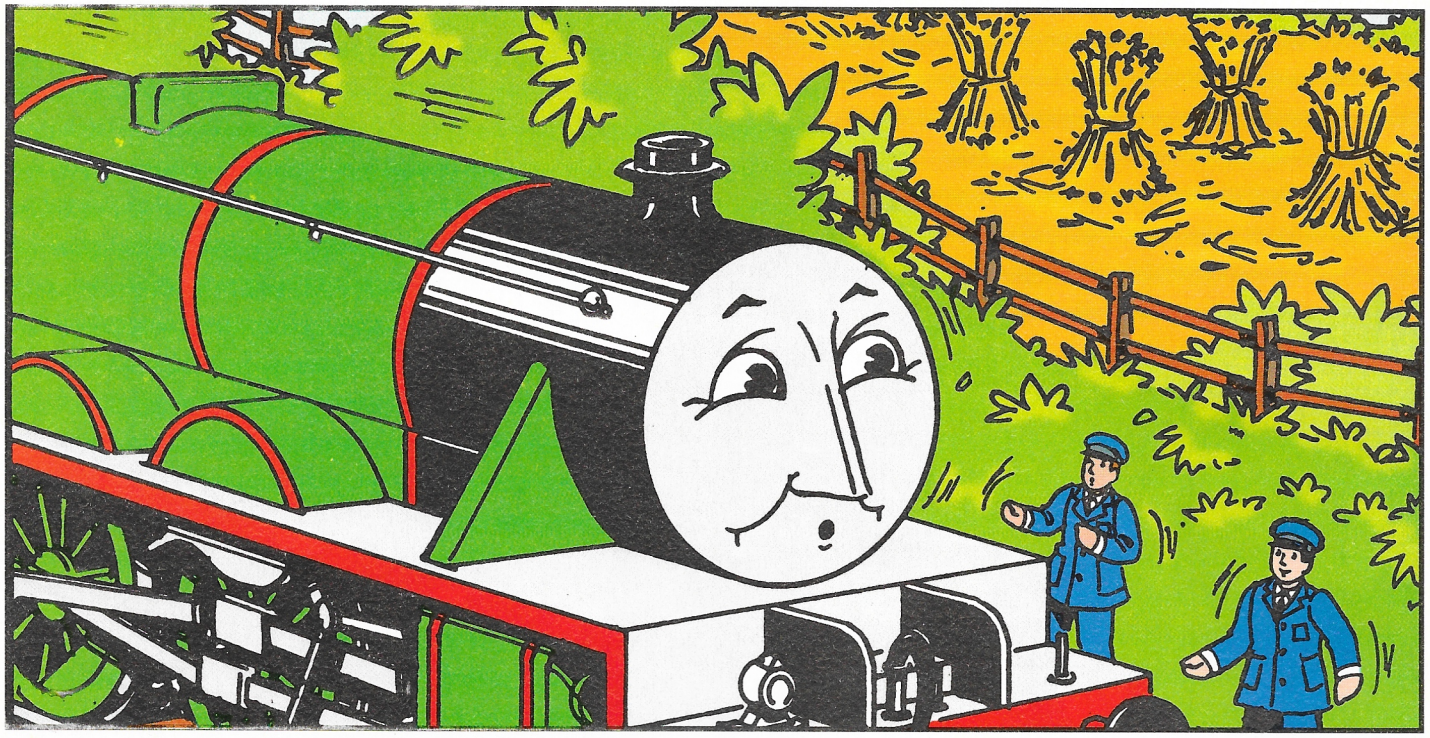
4. "It's all right for you two," said Henry, wearily, "you have earned a nice lie-in, tomorrow. But I have to be up before anyone else, to take the post train!"





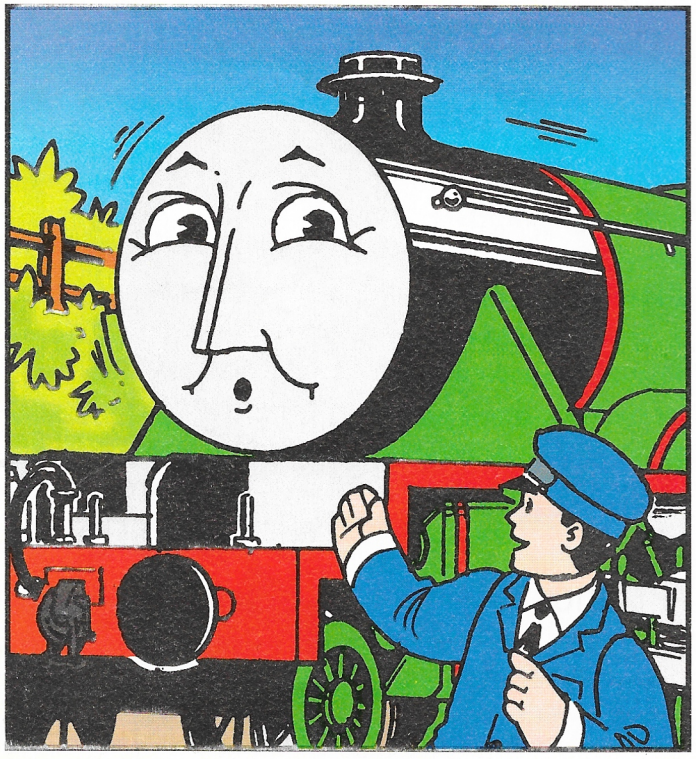
5. Next morning, when Henry's crew arrived to light his boiler, Henry could hardly stay awake. "I'll need all the sleep I can get tonight," he sighed.

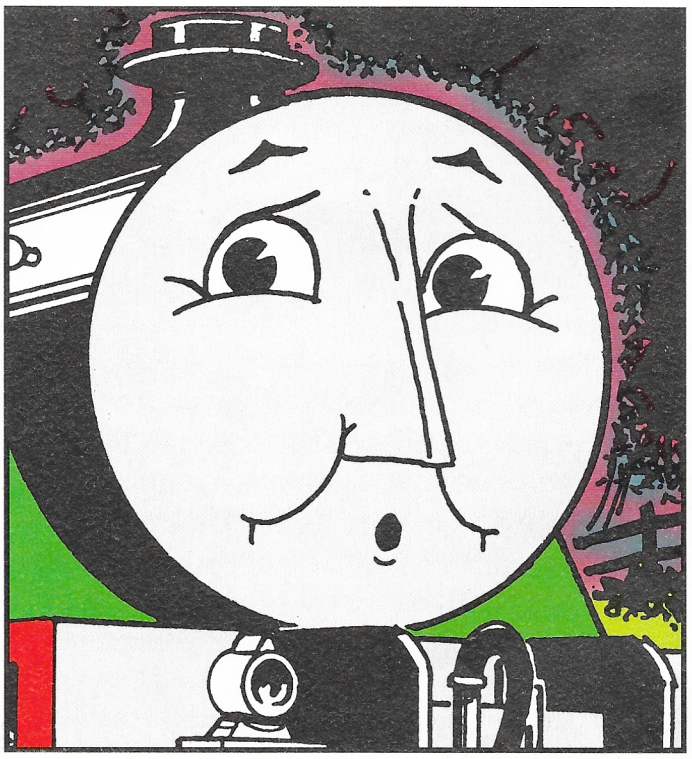
6. But Thomas and Percy had to work late again. As usual, the spotlight kept Henry awake. "It's too bright to sleep," he groaned. "I don't care for these lights at all!"



7. Henry felt more tired than ever when he took the post train the following morning. Later, he was returning to the yard when he broke down in the countryside.

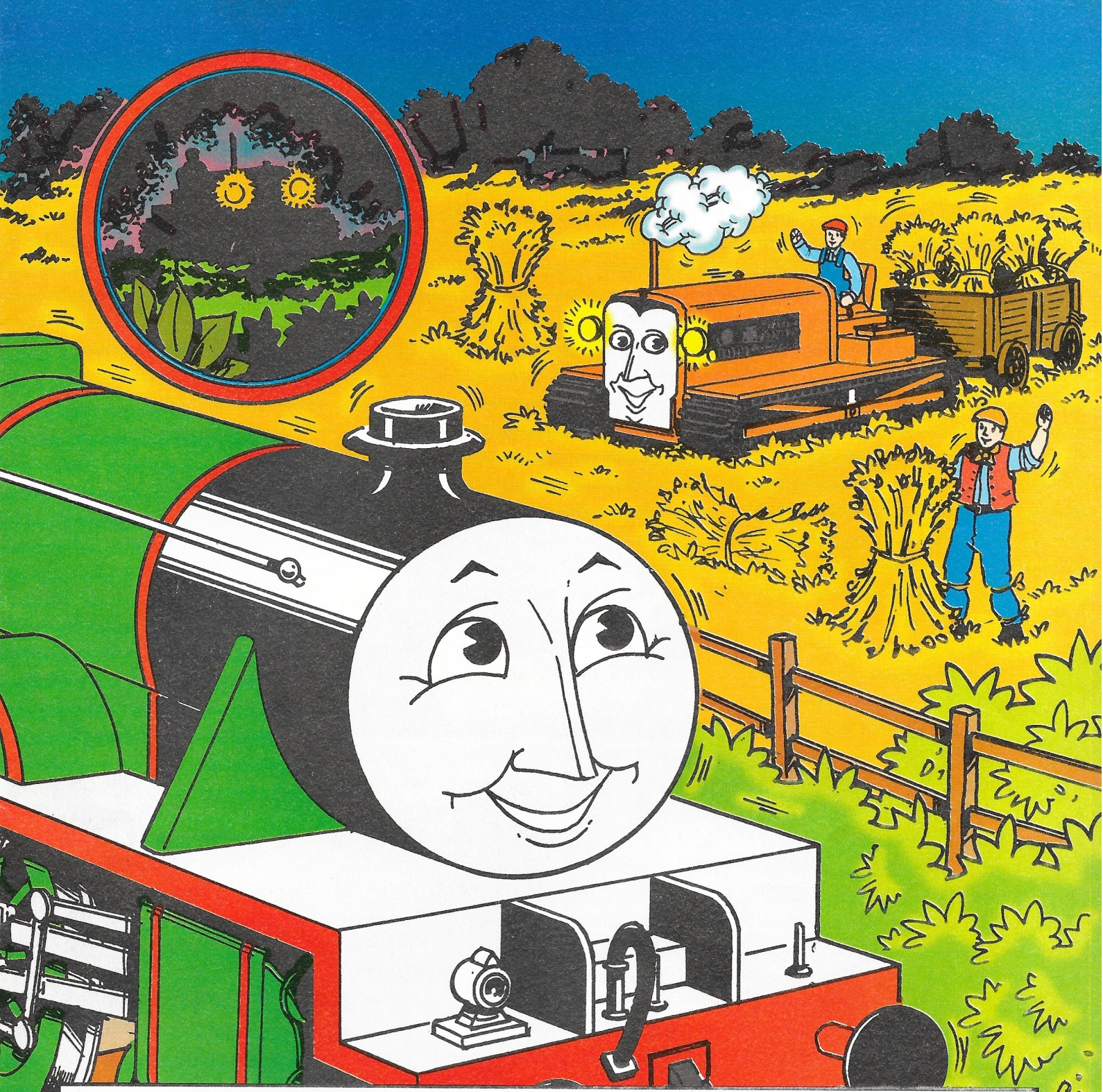
8. Henry was just able to roll slowly into a siding. Unfortunately, the workmen were so busy they couldn't repair Henry until the next day. "What will I do?" Henry asked.





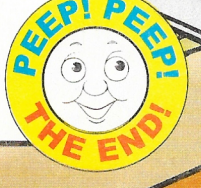
9. "Stay here tonight," said his driver. "We'll come back for you tomorrow." Henry was left alone. It grew so dark that he couldn't see his buffers in front of his face.

10. "There are no lights to stop me sleeping now," Henry thought. But he was scared of being left alone in the dark. "Now I can't sleep because it's too dark!" he said.



11. Early next morning, Henry heard a noise. Suddenly, he saw something that made his wheels wobble. Two big, round glowing eyes came towards him. "Who's there?" Henry cried nervously. It was only Terence the Tractor, with his lights on. "The farmer wants to move the bales into the barn before the dry weather changes!" said Terence. "I'm working late!"

12. "Not you, too!" said Henry. But he felt much happier with Terence to keep him company. The tractor's lights now seemed warm and welcoming. Later, Henry learned that Thomas and Percy were to work with the spotlights on all week. But Henry didn't mind a bit. In fact, he never complained about the lights in the yard again.



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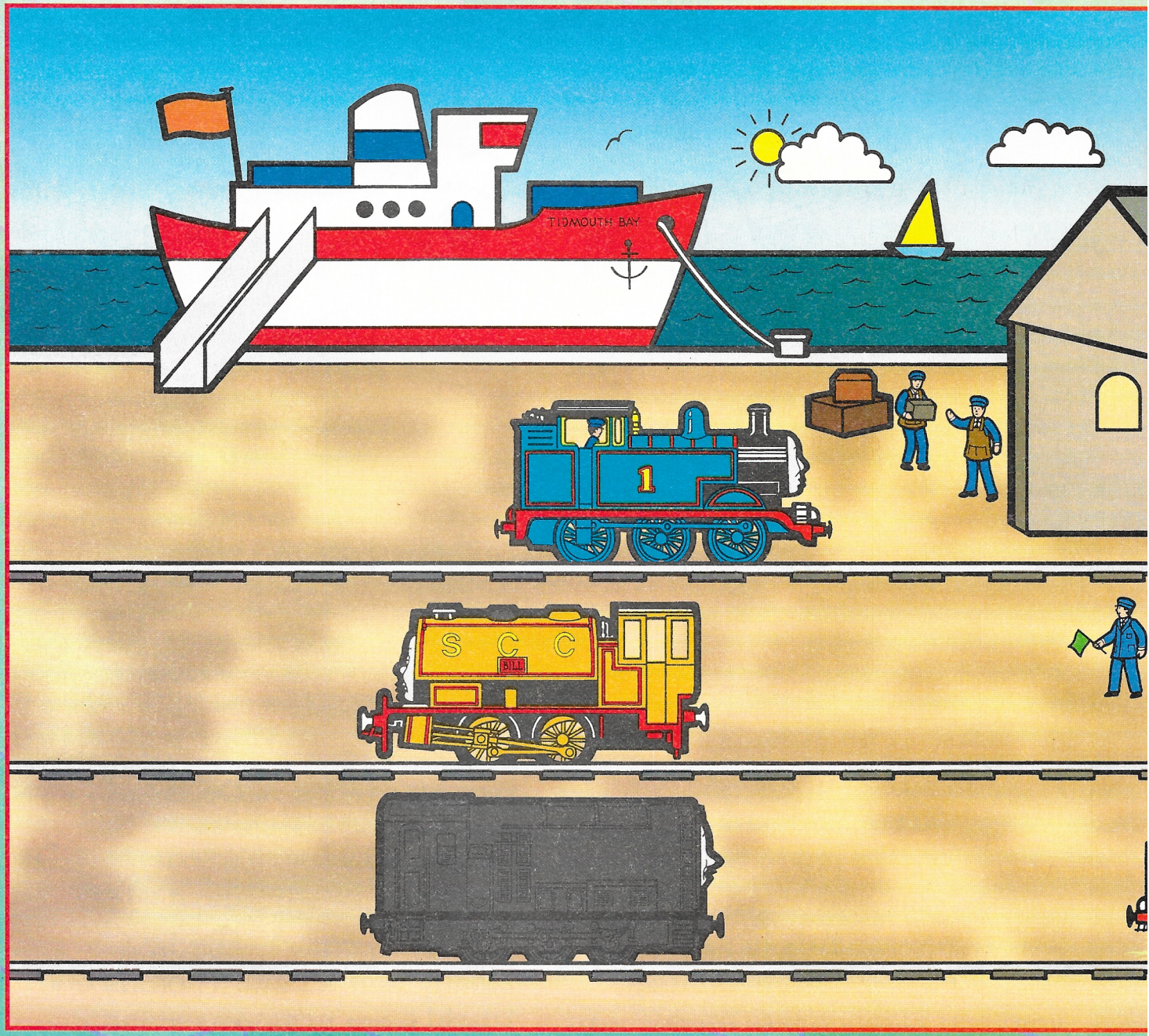

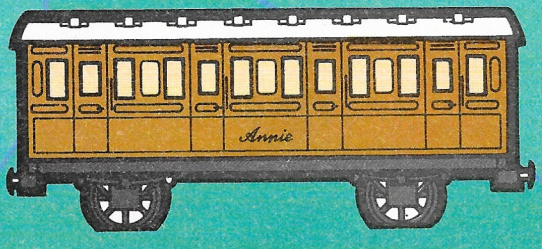

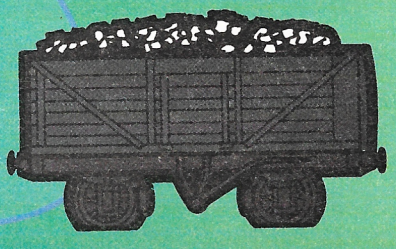

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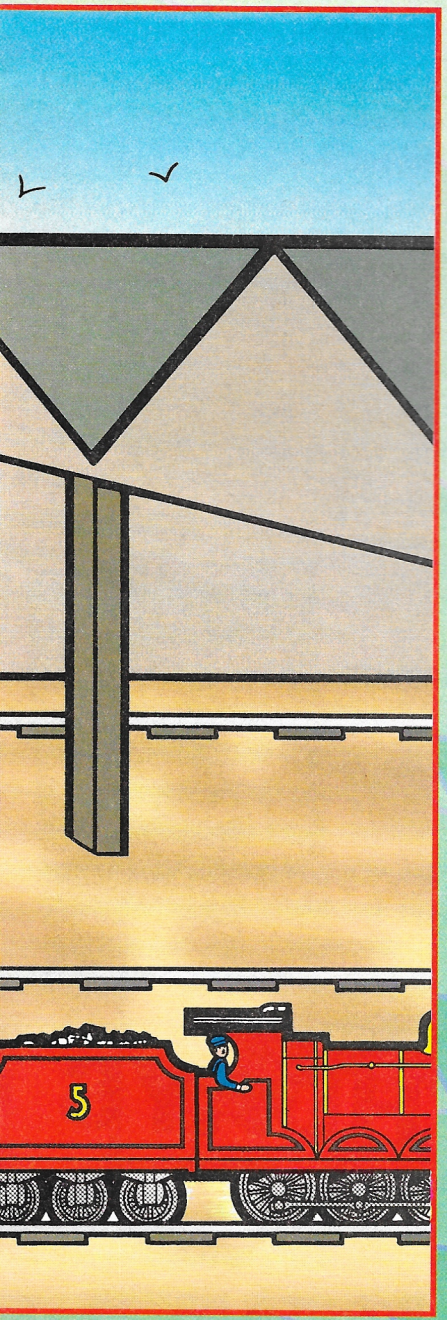
In this activity, you can test your skills on how well you know your engines and their cargos! Look at the picture of the engines in the harbour carefully! The trucks that belong to the engines are shown beneath the picture. If you know which truck belongs to which engine, cut them out and stick them on!
When you have finished, answer the quick quiz below! Put a circle around the correct answer! There are some clues to help you with the first part of our puzzle in this quiz, too!



James is pulling one of the Express coaches in this picture, but which engine usually pulls the Express?

Henry **Gordon**

Where do Bill and Ben get their trucks of clay from?

Harbour **Quarry**

How many workmen can you see in this picture?

2 **3**

What colour is the guard's flag?

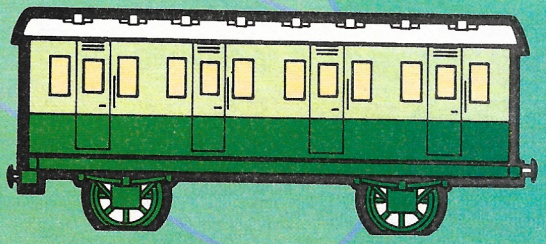
Red **Green**

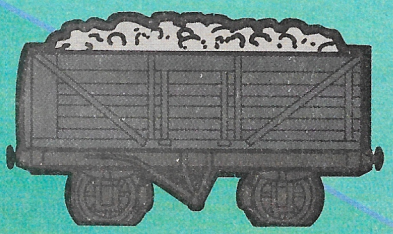
How many portholes can you see on the ship?

3 **4**

Gordon, Quarry, 2, Green, 3

Answers ↑





YOUR LETTERS

STAR LETTER!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win one of these Thomas push and pull motorised engines!

HOLD ON TO YOUR HAT!

Dear Fat Controller,
How do you stop your hat blowing off when a train whooshes past?
Love from William Payne, aged 3.

My hat is extremely well made and fits me perfectly! Therefore, it would take a lot more than a passing engine to blow it off my head!

ODD JOB OLIVER!

Dear Fat Controller,
Could you please tell me if Oliver has any special jobs like Thomas? Also, can you tell me where Oliver sleeps at night?
Love from Karl & Jasmine Bigg, aged 4 & 2.

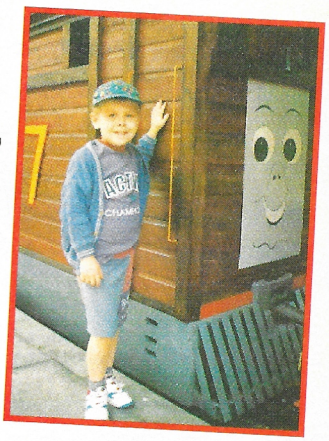
Oliver is one of my most useful engines! He likes to help Duck on his branch line. Oliver never complains about shunting trucks and always does his work with speed and efficiency! At night, he joins the other engines in the engine shed for a good night's sleep!

TOAD'S TASKS!

Dear Fat Controller,
Please can you tell me what Toad does on your railway?
Love from Joshua Butcher, aged 4.

Toad is Oliver's brake van. He assists Oliver in all aspects of engine work and is a valuable asset to my railway!

Photo of the fortnight!



Dear Fat Controller,
Here is a picture of me and Toby when I visited Bure Valley Railway, earlier this year! I hope you like it!
Love from Jason Noble, aged 4.

BIRTHDAYS

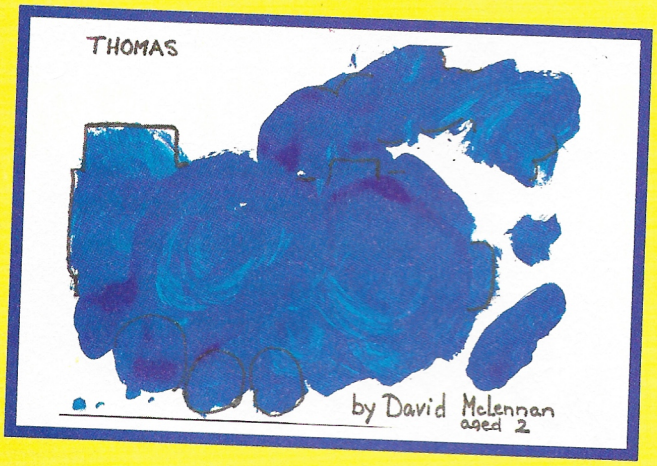
The Fat Controller sends out warmest wishes to...

Michael Booth, Christopher Coombes, Robert & Harriet Evans, Helen Ard and Paul Welsh. Belated wishes to Paul Jordham and Matthew Crump.

Drawing Board!

Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board

Look at Bill and Ben, as they are busily shunting trucks to Brendam Bay! Thank you to Laura Price, aged 7.

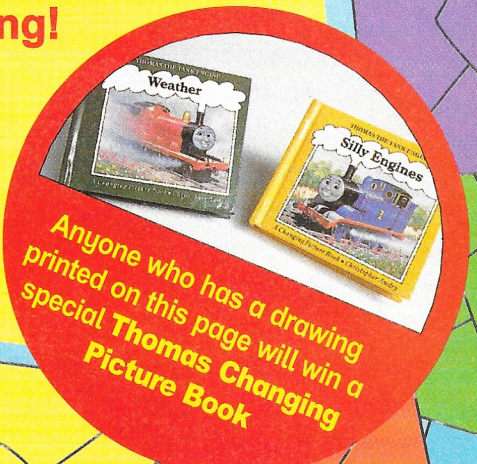


David McLennan, aged 2, has painted a splendid picture of Thomas! Good Work!

James is pulling the Express in this picture drawn by Yusuke Sugimura!

Samuel Jeans, aged 5, has drawn a great picture of Trevor and his driver waving!

If you would like to have your drawing or painting displayed on the page, then please send your entries to: The Fat Controller's Drawing Board, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London, WC2R 3DX.



CUT-OUT AND KEEP

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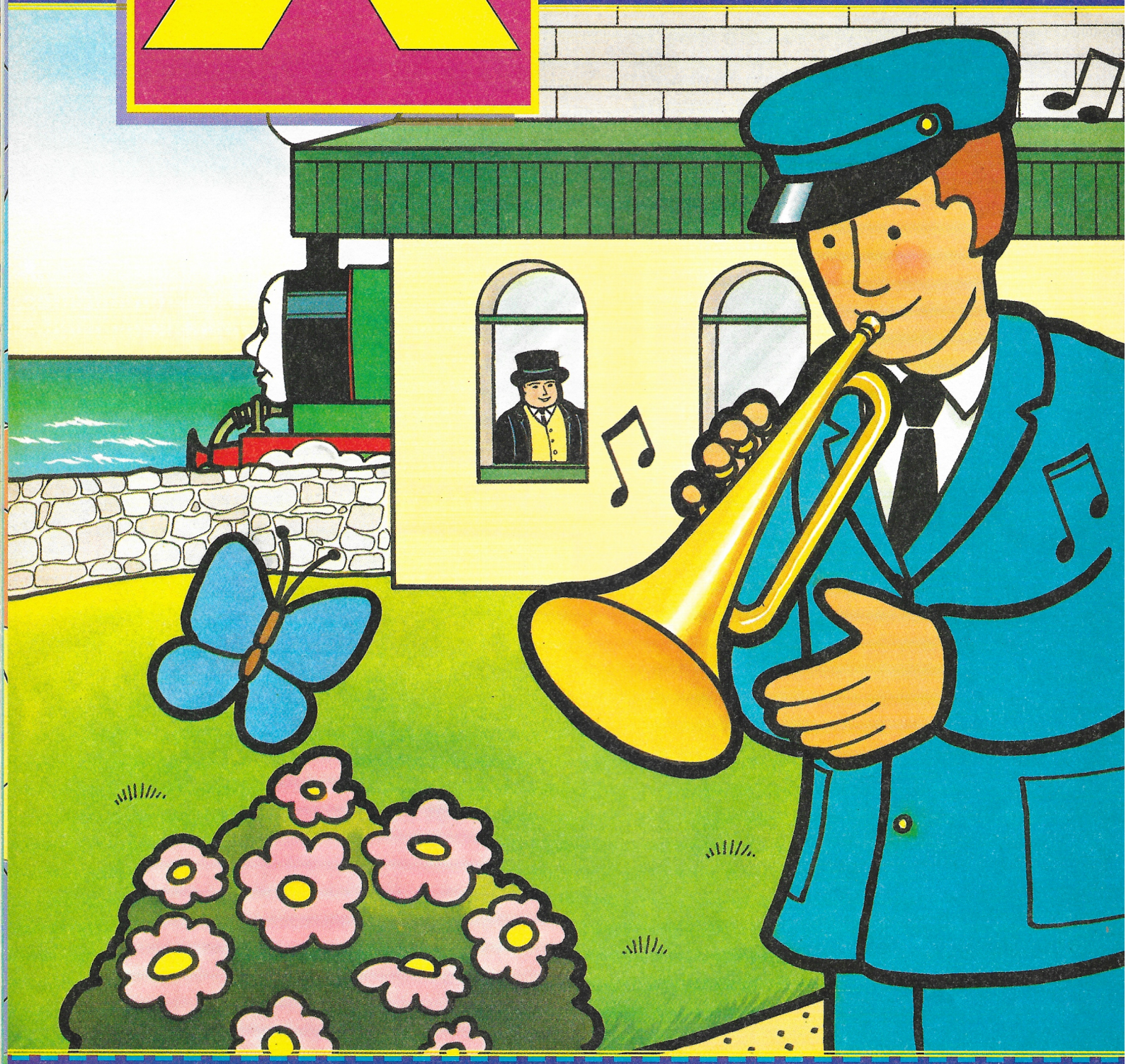

- Which engine can you see in this picture?
- How many people are in the band?
- Do you know what kind of musical instruments they are playing?

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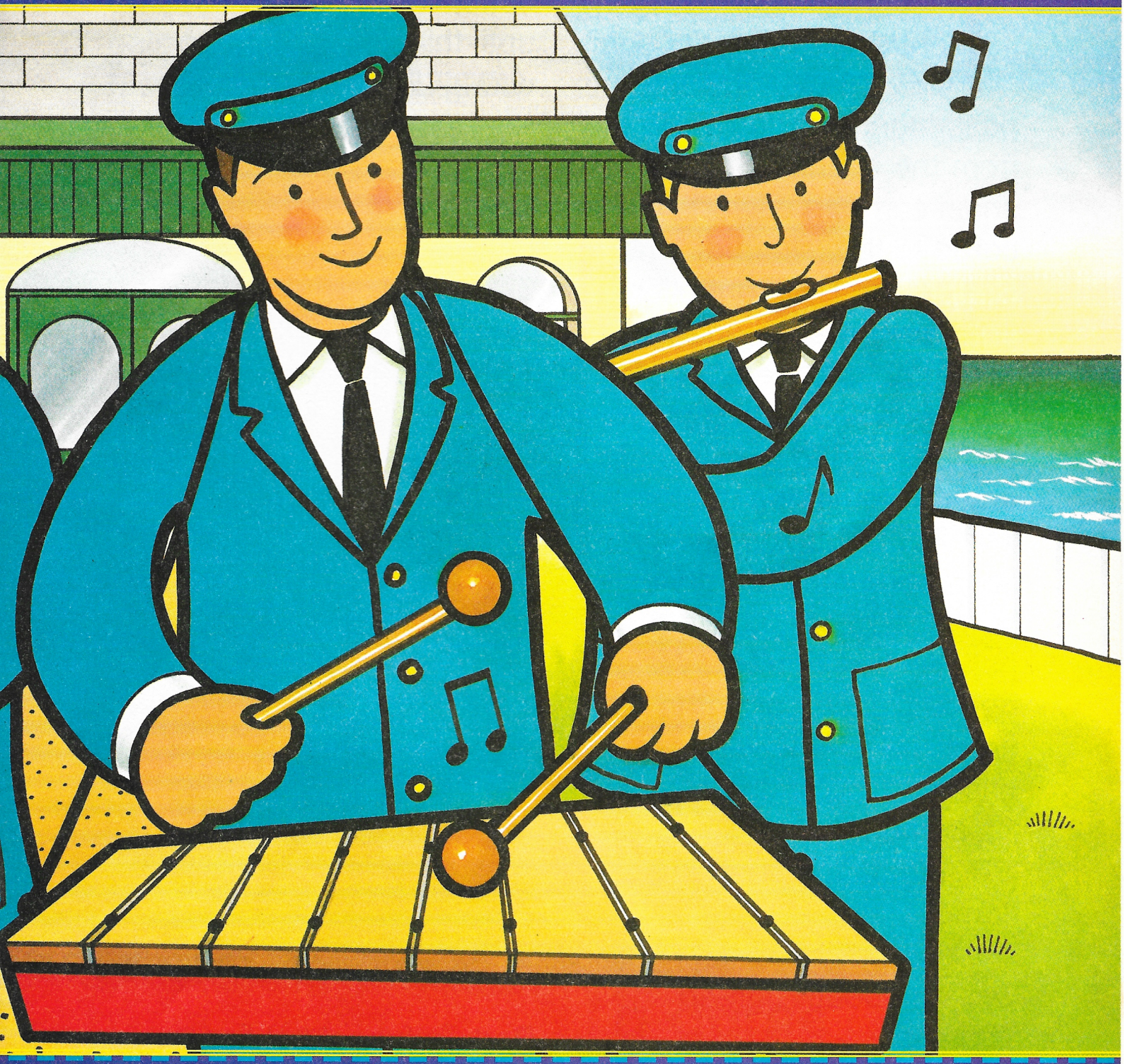


ny musical notes can you see?
lour is the butterfly?
the Fat Controller!
ppy or sad?

This centre spread should be cut out as it forms part of a continuous scene for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom.

Track trouble!

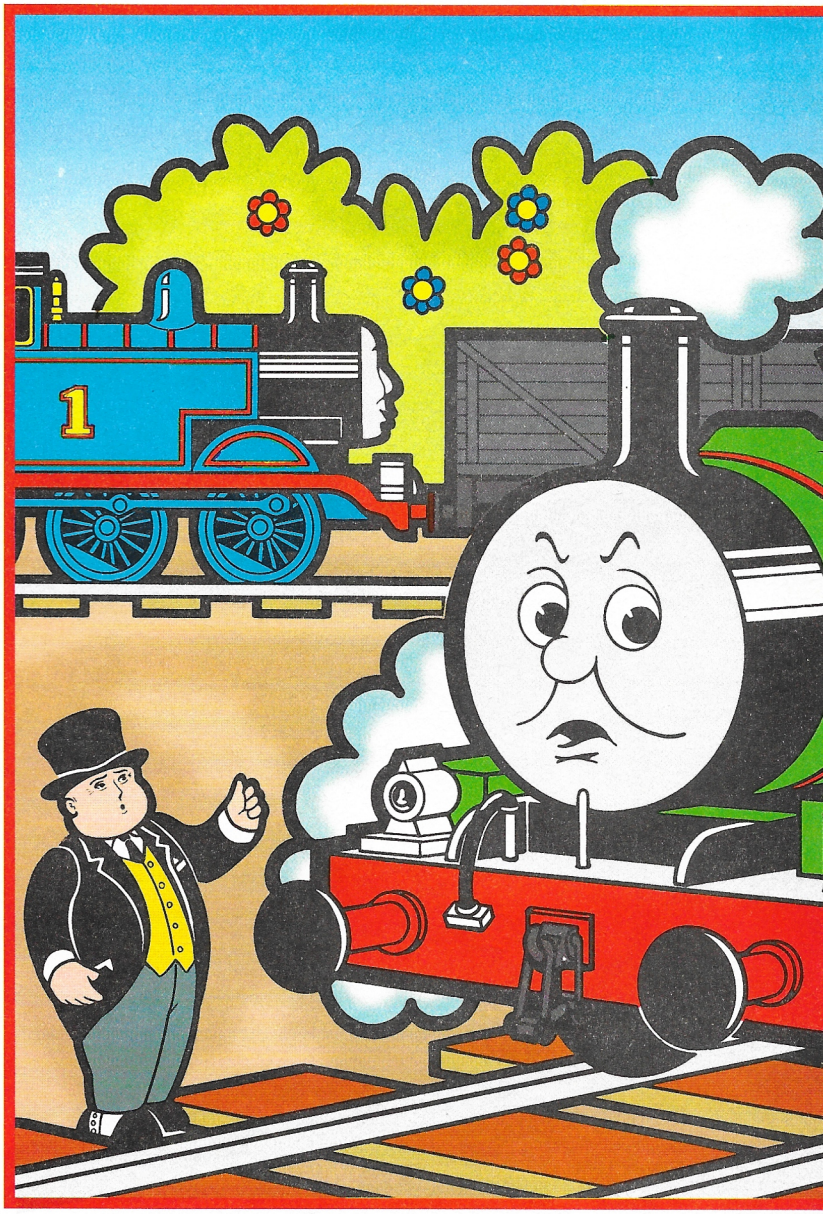
Tidmouth was a very busy town and port. Every day, the passenger ferry arrived from the mainland, so did ships carrying all sorts of cargo to the Island of Sodor. The Fat Controller's engines puffed to and from Tidmouth to collect people and goods. Often, the engines had to queue up to enter or leave the station. The Fat Controller knew something must be done.

"We'll need to build a new section of track. We're not delivering our cargo on time!" he told his engines, one morning, in the Main Station yard.

"About time, too!" huffed James.

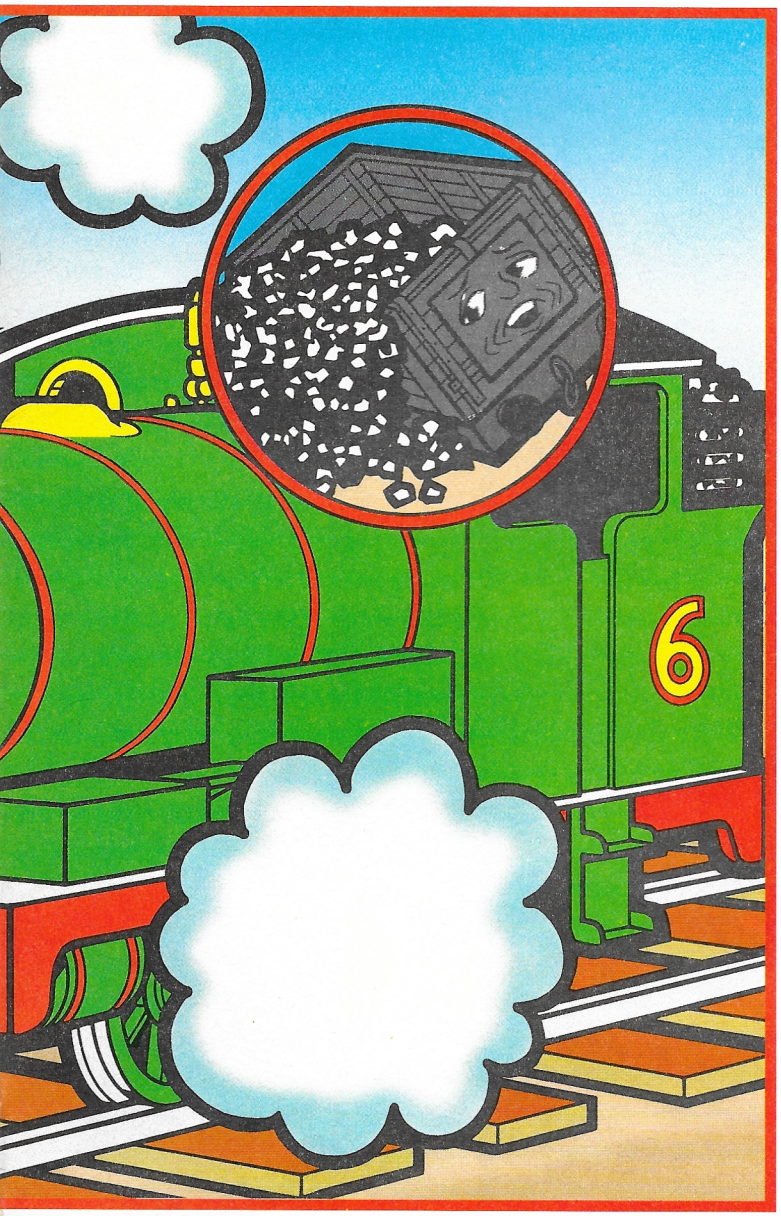
"That will save us waiting about!" agreed Thomas.

When work on the new siding began, the engines were even busier than usual. They did not mind until things began to go wrong. First, a spark from



Percy's funnel set fire to some long grass by the new tracks. So work had to stop until a fire engine

arrived to put out the blaze. Then Percy's boiler overheated. Next, one of Boco's trucks tipped up, and Thomas snapped a coupling hook behind the driver's cab so he could only push, not pull. Meanwhile, Diesel pulled a



special crane truck which was used to lift lengths of track. But the crane dropped a rail by mistake, and Terence the Tractor had to rescue it. The engines were feeling miserable; with all the problems, they started to think the new siding would never be finished. But finally the day came when the Fat Controller opened the new section of track. The engines soon felt happier when they did not have to queue near Tidmouth Station anymore.

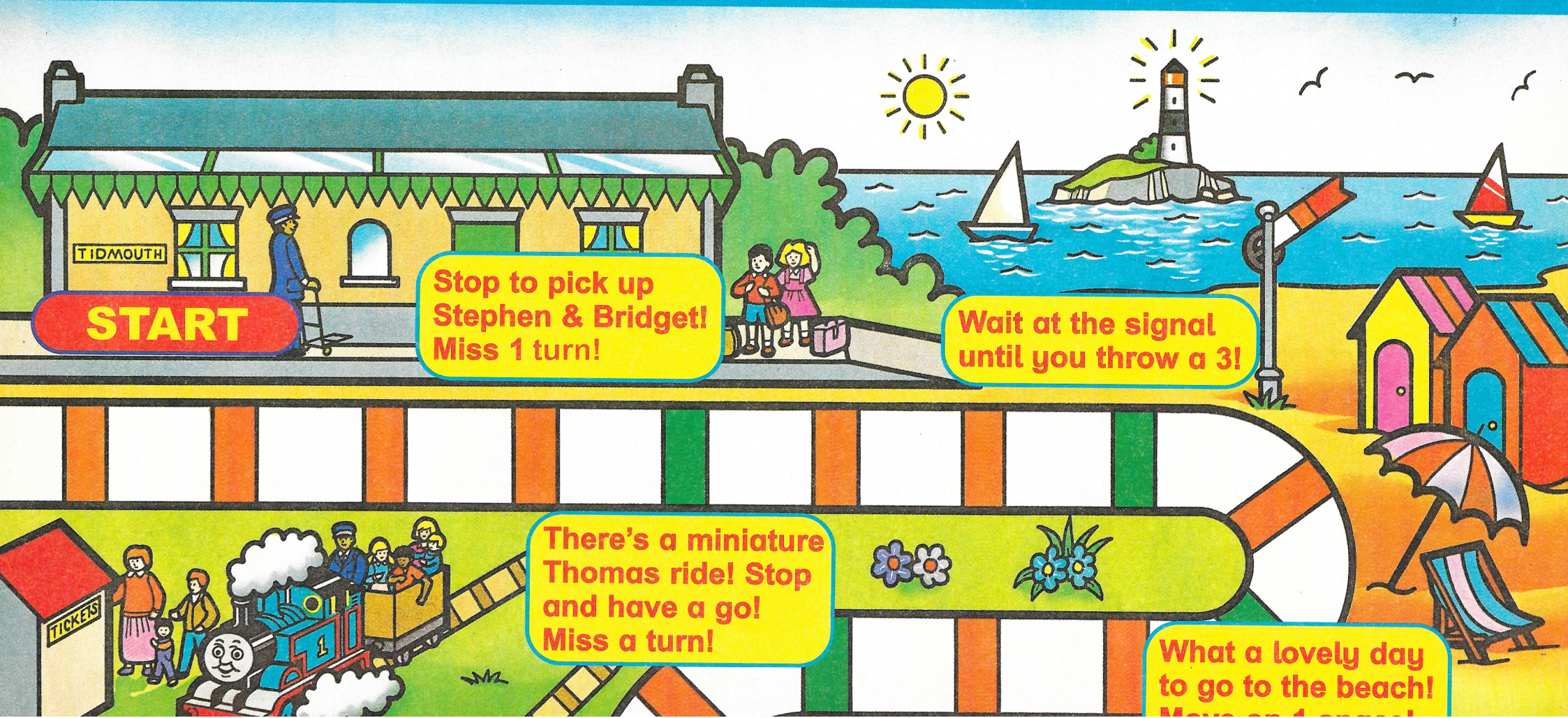
"Now we can be speedy engines!" said Thomas.

"Yes, rather than slow coaches!" joked Percy.

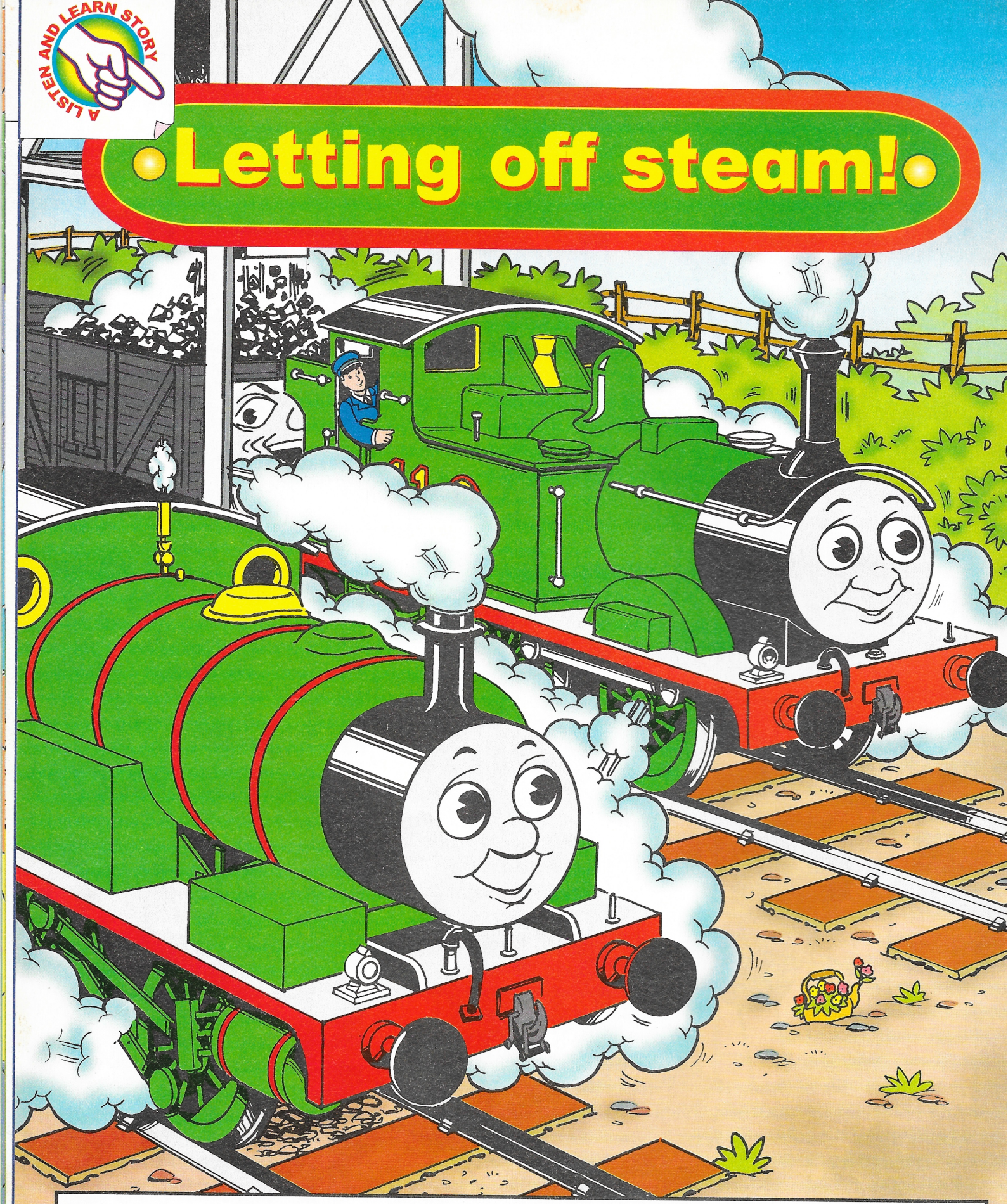
Stuck inside on a rainy day? Well, turn the page for a game to play!

Track trouble!

There's plenty to do when you visit the Island of Sodor. Join Stephen and Bridget in our fabulous game and visit all the Island's attractions! To play this game, choose one of the cut-out suitcases to use as your counter, then throw a die and move your case around the track! Be sure to watch out for track trouble, it's bound to create a few problems! Good luck!



Track trouble! Use the loop line!
BUMPER CARS
A fun fair! Speed up and move on 2 spaces!
Oh, no! Track repairs! Wait until you throw a 2!
There's a fire by a siding! Miss a go!
WELLSWORTH
Nearly there! Move on 2 spaces!
FINISH

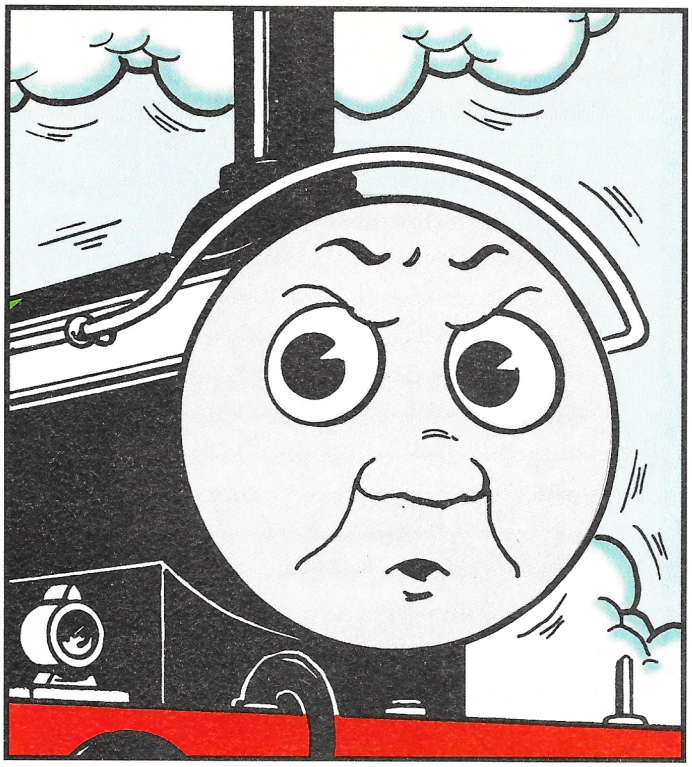


1. One day, in the Main Station yard, Percy slowly backed up near Oliver, whose trucks were being filled with coal from the chute.

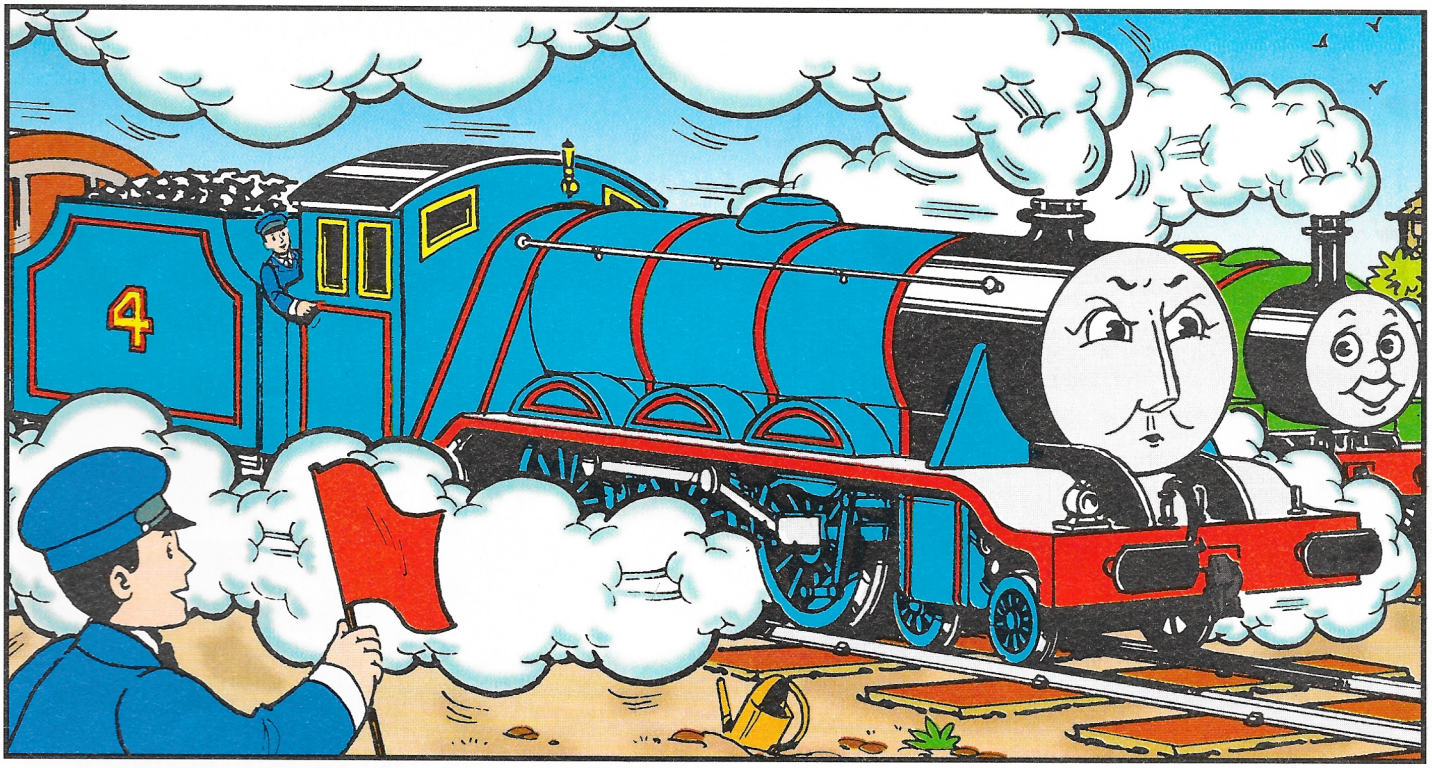
"Hello, Oliver!" called Percy.

2. But Oliver could not hear him. The coal chute was too noisy. When Oliver's trucks were loaded, Percy played a trick on him. Percy suddenly let off steam.

3. PHEEEESH! The loud hissing sound startled Oliver. "It serves you right for ignoring me!" Percy laughed. "I nearly jumped off the rails!" gasped Oliver.

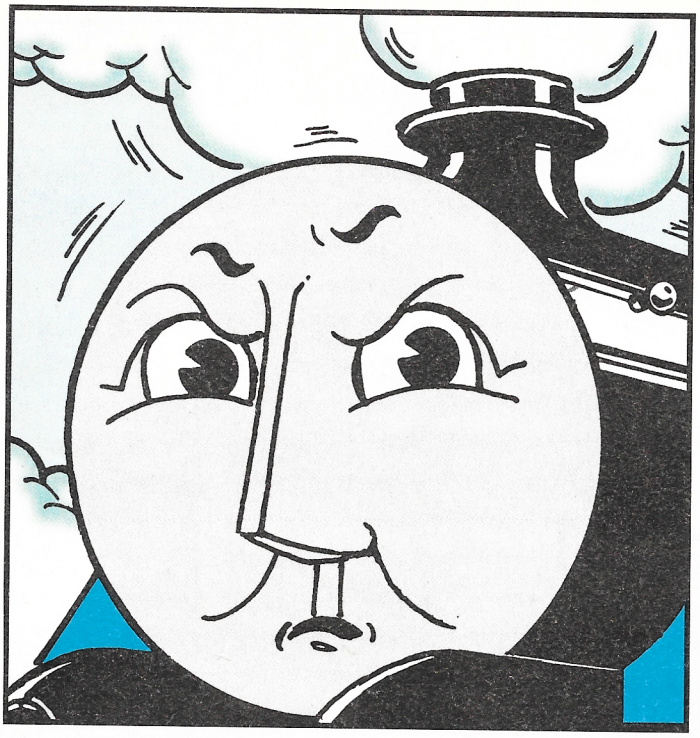


4. He was really cross. "Don't burst your boiler!" teased Percy. "I was only having fun!" "Well, I didn't think it was very funny!" said Oliver. "Don't do it again!"

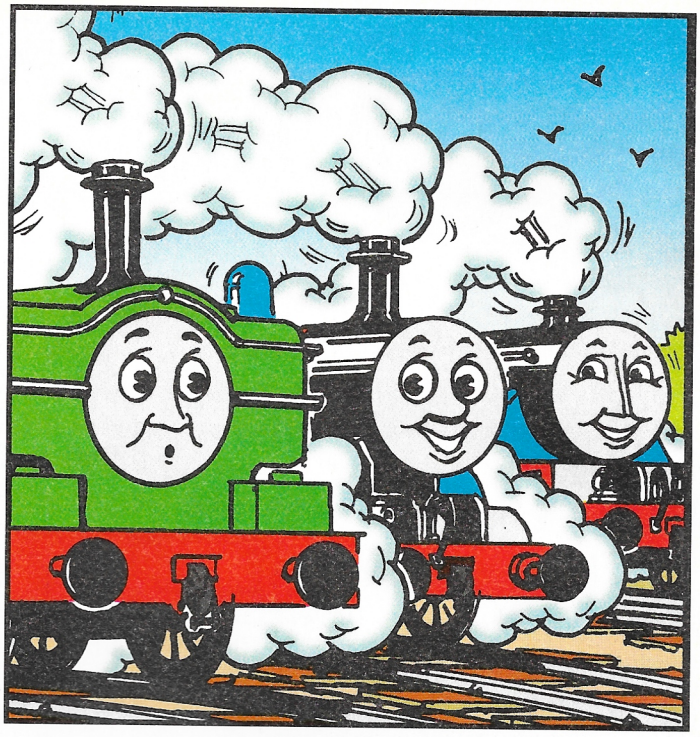


5. But Percy did. Soon he saw Gordon being coupled to some coaches, preparing to take the Express. Gordon didn't notice as Percy puffed alongside.

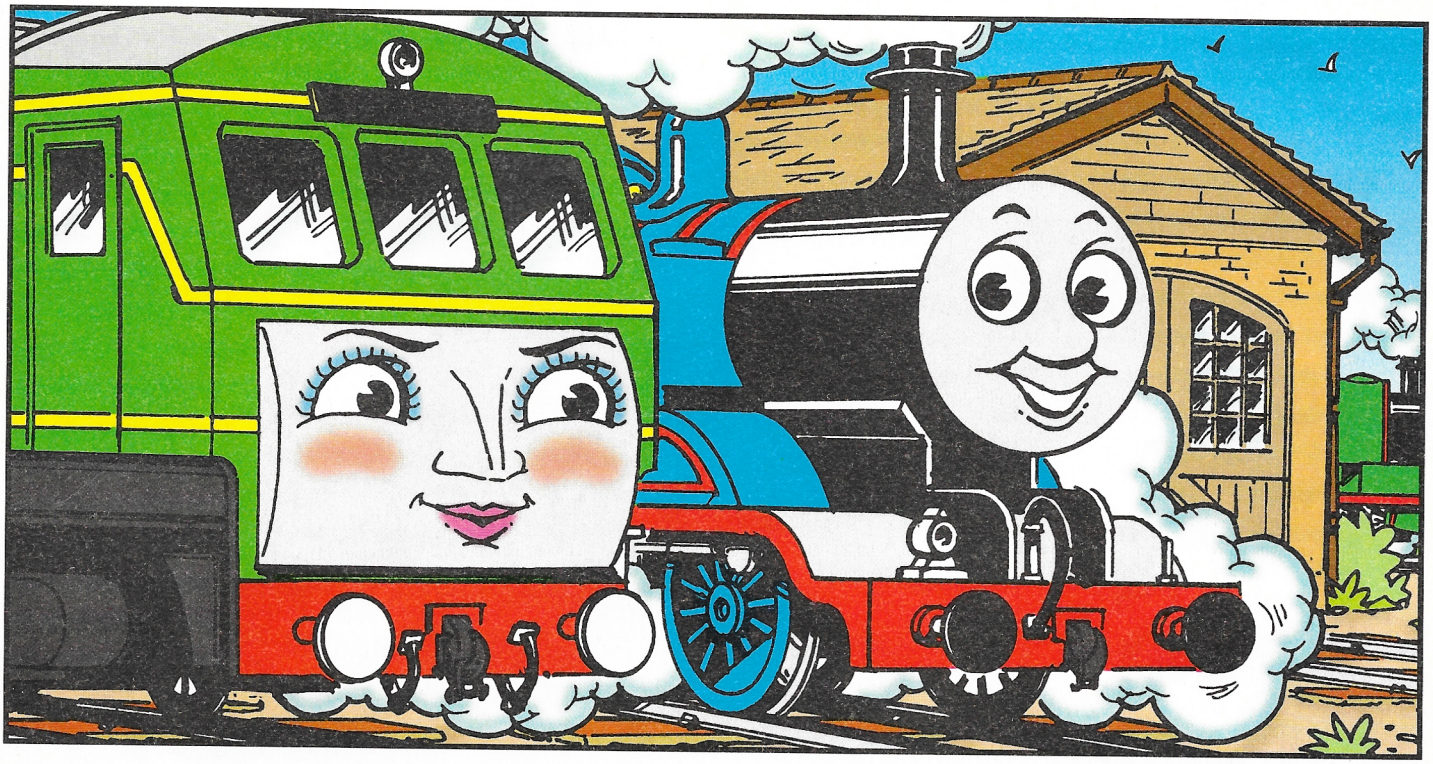
6. SSSSSSH! Percy suddenly hissed steam again. Gordon was so surprised, he bumped into the coaches so they rocked and rattled. "What was that?" he cried.



7. "It's only me!" grinned Percy. "You nearly caused an accident!" snorted Gordon. "Rubbish!" said Percy. "Surely a big engine like you can take a little joke!"

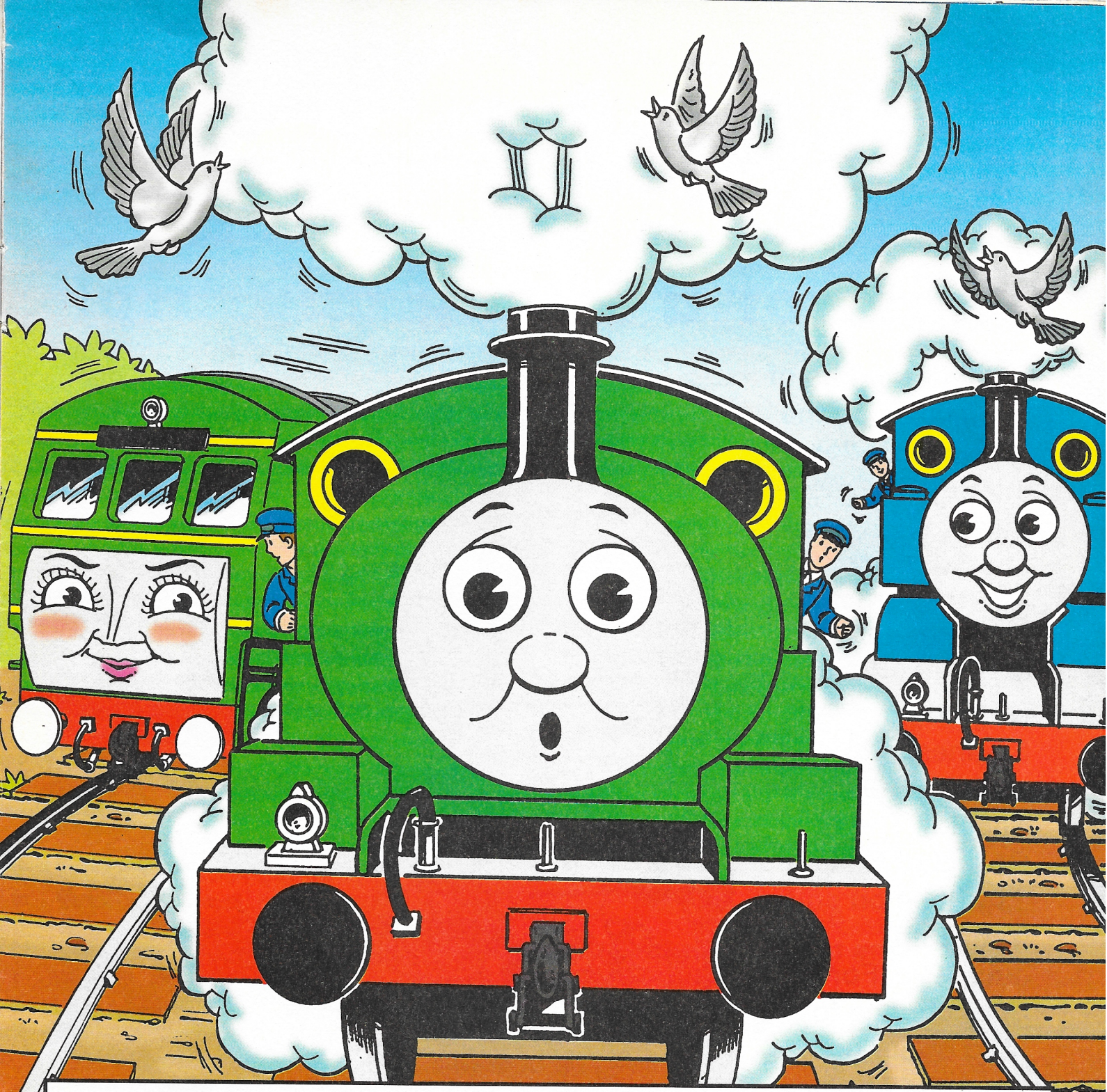


8. Percy was enjoying being naughty. Soon he had upset Duck, Thomas and Henry, too. "How can we stop Percy?" asked Duck. "I have an idea!" replied Thomas.



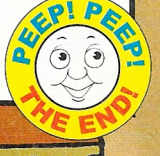
9. He went to see Daisy, who had just returned into the yard. Because Daisy was a diesel engine, she could move more quietly than Thomas.

10. Thomas told Daisy all about Percy's silly steam trick. She agreed to help. "Here comes Percy now!" warned Thomas. "Quickly, Daisy! You know what to do!"



11. Daisy hid behind the engine shed so that Percy wouldn't see her. Percy was chuckling to himself as he rolled up behind Thomas and noisily gushed steam again. "Smoke and fire!" gasped Thomas, pretending to be surprised. "You mean, smoke and steam!" laughed Percy. That moment, Daisy rolled up silently behind him. Suddenly, she gave a blast on her whistle.

12. Thomas was expecting the loud noise, but poor Percy's face turned white and he shook with shock. "Puffing pistons! I didn't know you were there, Daisy!" he spluttered. "I hope that's taught you a lesson?" said Thomas. "It has," said Percy, looking ashamed, "I'll never startle with steam, I realise how naughty it is after my whistled warning!"



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